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Editorial

More Important

We are in hearty sympathy with the effort that is being made to get the Bible into all our public schools, but we also agree with another that the more important task set before the American church is not getting the name of God put into the Constitution, or even the Bible into the public schools, but the spirit of enlightened holiness into the ballots which Christians deposit on election day.

Our Sunday School Papers

We call special attention to these papers for the month of June. The four numbers of *Our Little Folks* have been mailed, and we ask all interested to examine them. They are nicely printed and beautifully illustrated, just the thing for the children. If your school is not using the paper send for sample copies, they will please you. *Cheering Words* for June 12 has an original story by B. C. Moomaw, with appropriate illustrations. June 19 is a missionary number and is also illustrated. This paper is growing in popularity, and succeeds on its own merits. If your school is not using the paper send for sample copies and give it a trial for the next quarter. We are anxious to get this paper into all our schools.

Signs of Continued Activity

Usually about this time of the year there is a dearth in church news, but thus far this year there has been no lack of this kind of matter. Our columns continue filled with good news from all over the brotherhood. We interpret this to mean continued activity among our churches in the brotherhood. We are pleased to be able to note this fact. There is certainly no reason why there should be relaxation of effort on the part of pastors, evangelists and Christian workers in general when the summer months set in. In several of our churches revival work is going on now, while in Kansas and Indiana the state evangelists are continuing their work with very encouraging results. Let the good work go on twelve months in the year.

Our Missions

While the United States is making provision for funds to carry on the war with Spain, let us not forget that in the cities of Washington and Chicago and Dayton, as elsewhere, we have declared war against the devil, and that it requires funds to carry on this

warfare, for so the apostle Paul called it. Let us remember the needs of our Missions and come to their support. For some time nothing has been said in these columns concerning the urgent need of funds to carry on the work in these cities, but we now come to you by way of a gentle reminder. You owe a certain amount to the Lord for this work, all of us do, and we should make haste to meet this obligation. Send money to brother J. C. Cassel, Philadelphia, Pa.

New Schools Organized

During the last month quite a number of new S. schools have been organized in the brotherhood, all of which have ordered our literature. This is as it should be, for we feel justified in saying that the literature issued by the Brethren Publication Board is as good as the best. The Quarterlies for next quarter will be ready June 18. Some important changes are being made in these lesson helps, all of which are in the way of improvements, looking toward a yet better adaptation to the wants of those who use them. We are ever studying the needs of both teacher and scholar, and it is our one aim to meet these needs as we find them. Our next Quarterly will be unique, there being nothing else in the market like it. To appreciate this fact it will be necessary to see a copy. Circulars and order blanks have been mailed to all our schools, including those lately organized. Should you fail to get these announcements, write for them and they will be freely furnished. The prospects are that the next quarter will be the best since the introduction of our literature. We invite the cooperation of all our schools in helping us to make it so.

Missionary Day In Ohio

June 19 is missionary day for all our Sunday schools in the state of Ohio. We hope pastors and superintendents will see to it that special preparations are made for a large gathering of funds on the day appointed. Give the boys and girls an opportunity to become associated with the Master in this the greatest work of the Christian church. The children are good givers, they love to give, they are, above all others, "cheerful givers." If this matter is properly brought before them, we have reasons to expect a fruitful gathering for the Lord on June 19. The Sunday school lesson for this day is the resurrection of Christ, and the narrative includes the great commission. Here is an opportunity to inspire the young hearts with the spirit of missions that in years to come

will give the church a band of noble missionaries. Let not this opportunity go by unused.

Two Conferences Next Week

Two State Conferences will be held next week, both beginning June 7, the one in Philadelphia, Pa., the other at Pleasant Hill O. We once more urge upon all the churches within these districts the importance of being represented at these gatherings. The better way is to be represented in person by delegate. If you cannot find some one who is willing to make the sacrifice, pay the expenses of your delegate or delegates, for money thus spent is well spent. There should be a large representation at both these conferences. It is the Lord's work, and surely you are interested in that which directly concerns your Master. Can you make a little sacrifice for him? It is Christ-like to do so. A good conference, with the work well done, gives renewed zeal, hope, inspiration and fresh vigor to the churches.

Do You Read It?

The paper, we mean. Most people do, but a few do not, for they have written us making inquiry as to what became of their paper two weeks ago. The EVANGELIST was not issued during the week referred to and the week before that, in the first item in the first column on the first page, announcement was made that the following week the paper would not be issued.

The True King

There is a distinctively visible link between all nations and all ages in the homage which is paid to the successful military hero. Defense, self-preservation has been perhaps the most vital concern of the nations since the earliest ages, and he of the lofty stature, of irresistible strength, of dauntless courage and splendid prowess, who by these superior gifts became the deliverer of his people, was borne high on the shields and acclaimed king, chief of men. Scarcely less is the applause bestowed now-a-days upon the successful general or admiral who wins brilliant victories. While the love, or at least the necessity, of peace is taking firmer hold upon the nations, now and then the sword is drawn to determine insoluble questions of State, and the life of the nation is committed to the brutal arbitration of force. Then rises the chief man, the deliverer, and fame lends her sonorous trumpet to fill the world with the praises. How blessed and glorious it would be if all this enthusiastic homage could be